

## C. Earl Hunter, Commissioner

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Licensed Ambulance Service Directors

County Administrators Regional EMS Offices

FROM:

Jennifer Paddock, Director

Emergency Medical Services & Trauma

SUBJECT: EMS Grant-in-Aid Program (DUI FUNDS) - FY 2011

Please read and carefully review the forms and guidelines required to complete the application for EMS funding utilizing funds generated from DUI funds. These are **competitive grants**. Each region has been allocated \$10,500.00. The grants will be based on a 94.5% state/ 5.5% local cash match and the contract will be awarded for one year.

The procedure will be for the ambulance services to complete the application and send it to the county for review and approval following the guidelines. As soon as the county completes the approval process, it will send the application to its regional office for review by **February 15**, **2011**. The Regional EMS board/council will submit their recommendations, <u>in priority order</u>, to the State Grant-in Aid committee by **March 15**, **2011**. The State GIA committee will review the grants, in priority order, and make a recommendation for approval to the State EMS Advisory Council. Contracts will be awarded after Advisory Council approval.

Priority emphasis should be placed on CISD programs, Dispatcher Training, Public Information and Education Resources (PIER)/Injury Prevention activities and SC EMS Data Project. All questions concerning the SC EMS Data Project should be directed to Victor Grimes of this office. DUI funds may be utilized to purchase training materials that are directly related to these projects. Training materials include textbooks, handouts, promotional items (buttons, coloring books, pens, pencils and brochures), slides and workbooks.

Secondary priority should be placed on the other items listed on the list of Eligible Items (DUI Generated). Replacement of items for fair wear and tear will not be approved.

Let's make the 12<sup>th</sup> year of the competitive GIA funding a successful year with competitive, quality applications for significant EMS improvements.

JLP:dad Enclosure(s)